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Governor's Office of Economic Development Supports Utah's Statewide Nanotechnology Conference

The Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED) has defined several industry sectors that may offer significant growth and economic opportunity for Utah businesses. Nano and micro scale technology is one area that shows significant promise for Utah companies. Nano and micro scale technology is important in research technology and manufacturing because it is becoming more and more the foundation of everyday products. This rapid movement toward nanotech based business products is being found in everything from computer chips to textiles. High definition television is a good example of an industry that would not be where it is today without the use of nanotechnology chips.

Utah's universities and industry are at the cutting edge of this important technology. Nichole Toomey-Davis, the GOED Centers of Excellence Director will be presenting "From the Lab to Industry" at the *nanoUtah 2006, Utah's Statewide Nanotechnology Conference*. Also during the conference on Thursday, October 5th at the University of Utah, State Science Advisor, Dr. Greg Jones will be co-moderating a sampling of research and business development in the Utah nano industry.

Prior to the conference GOED will be hosting a dinner session which will explore with University of Utah and Utah State University researchers opportunities for Utah to mount a collaborative effort in the nano/micro-based markets. This dinner will bring the overall community up to speed on areas that the universities can collaborate with industry and the investment sector. "In the future nanotechnology will impact products in every walk of life, Utah has the chance to be right in the middle of this important emerging market." said Dr. Jones.

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